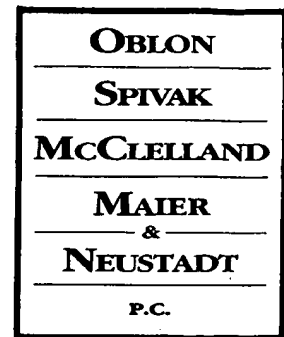


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Attn: Frank Lebron  
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Re: Deposit Account #150030

Dear Mr. Lebron:

Enclosed is a copy of a portion of our Deposit Account Statement of January, 2004. Please review the highlighted charge on **Serial Number 09/680,400 in the amount of \$180.00 on fee code #1806**.

A **CERTIFIED** Information Disclosure Statement was filed on January 22, 2004. Since this application was not under final rejection, **no fee is required as set forth in 37 CFR 1.97**. (Note that although the PTO mailed an Office Action on June 17, 2003, our firm did not receive that Action. Therefore, a new Office Action will most likely be issued for this case – see attached Request for Withdrawal of Holding of Abandonment). Please investigate this charge and kindly refund **\$180.00** to Deposit Account #150030.

Copies of the appropriate paperwork are attached. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My phone number is 703-412-6296. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,  
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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra J. Noel".

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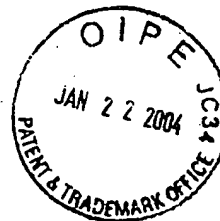
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SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

**REFERENCES**

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references cited in the attached European Search Report listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

**RELATED CASES**

- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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- ☒ Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
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- ☒ Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check or credit card payment is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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